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## ABOUT DISPUTE AT BROKEN HILL.

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which may now be tried by a jury and that the forces of the South African Company are now in possession. The probability of these positions being reversed is remote, even if the Portuguese authorities should commit the folly of resorting to offensive operations, as the ordering of gunboats, the volunteering of students for the African service, and the reported invasion of British territory in other directions seem to indicate. Hostile demonstrations of that nature can only end in making matters worse for Portugal than they are at present. It was, therefore, worse than useless for Portugal to meddle with further negotiations. England cannot without loss of dignity tolerate any such action. The only course calculated to terminate a state of things which in all respects is unseemly and tending to produce disorder and strife, is to give her unmistakably to understand that she must forthwith elect between accepting the African territories allotted her by the Convention, and incurring the risk of losing them all.

We publish this morning the balance-sheet of the Labour Defence Committee, showing a statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the late strike. The balance-sheet is an instructive document. From August 10, when the strike began, to November 6, when it was declared off, is a period of close upon twelve weeks, and during that time we find by this statement, certified as it is by a firm of accountants in the city, that the total sum collected reached the sum of £27,372 10s 11d, of which £23 2s 1d has been disbursed by the committee. Both the receipts and the expenditure were large, and it is only fair to note that the administration of these funds and the carrying out of the strike was not equal to their own. For this enormous expenditure, it will be seen, the savings and funded resources of the trade societies for years past, just as it must be the case for the support of the strike. If the latter part of the strike is to go for anything, that is not an evil to be deplored in the interests of the men themselves; but the figures in this balance-sheet, if they have any meaning at all, show that the strike has been a failure. The struggle has been forced to rely mainly on their own funds. The appeals to the public only produced upwards of £4000, and the English contributions, doubtless forwarded under a strict sense of obligation for the assistance of Australia, during the last few days, amounted to about the same sum. The bulk of the money received and spent, upwards of £23,000, came from the societies themselves, and it is easy to understand that as the strike was not declared off, the committee must have been completely drained. This balance-sheet must also be taken to explode the theory of trade federation advanced by the strikers in the first instance, as the main body of the movement, the carrying out of the strike, was entirely self-helped, and on the contrary, was more likely to be frustrated. In other words, the strikers could not secure what they wished in point of money, and they were forced to maintain a strike which would be frustrated. In other words, the strikers could not secure what they wished in point of money, and they were forced to maintain a strike which would be frustrated.

Like the science of electricity, bacteriology has startled the world by the audaciousness with which it has burst into the foreground, and by the extraordinary knowledge which it has acquired about the one science, not the other, is really new, but in both the development has been so rapid that the knowledge possessed of them a generation ago seems the veriest ignorance as compared with the vista of wonders that is now before us. What Edison has done in the one, Pasteur and Koch and a host of less illustrious followers have been doing in the other; and, if anything, the revelations of the micro-organisms which have altered the life of all living creatures have been more sudden and more startling, and make us wonder more as to what we are coming to, than the telephone, and the phonograph, and other inventions, actual or prospective, that are related to it. It is not necessary that we be absolutely in the success of either Dr. Koch or Mr. Pasteur, in their controlling of the issues of life and death, to be convinced that they have opened out the deepest and most momentous secrets of nature. Their researches may not have enabled them yet to combat the bacilli that generate particular maladies, and that in myriads are around us and within us, a constant menace to life. It is, however, that they have demonstrated them by the particular qualities they possess and the different diseases they produce; and it is now for them and others to study the genesis and the laws of the micro-organisms, and to find out whether they are found to be the secret causes of all the ill to which human life is subject. That the field of study thus presented is one of the most interesting and important to which inquiry can be directed there will be few to doubt, and the knowledge which is being acquired whether this new departure, which is about to revolutionize the science of medicine, should not demand the immediate attention of our medical authorities, and whether a chair of bacteriology, with the necessary apparatus and facilities, should not be established in connection with our medical schools. Of course as a branch of pathology the study is not ignored, but in its new departure and development bacteriology is altogether a new and important branch, and it is in the second place to any, and

apparently it is destined to be the very key to the healing art itself. Hitherto it has been the reproach of medical science that it has been mainly empiricism; and if it is now the case, as it seems to be, that the science of every kind can be traced back to its very source, and the germ of it can be seen and sketched and handled and treated, then beyond any question the study of those germs ought to be the ABC of a medical education, and the utmost possible facilities and encouragement should be given, not only to students of medicine, but to medical practitioners, to make themselves familiar with the methods and the latest developments in bacteriology. There has been a rush in all the colonies to send observers home to learn the methods of cure of tuberculosis. These methods, if they are effective, will be known in due time, but the best preparatory means for having the widest advantage taken of them and of all other discoveries of germicidal will be the immediate institution of a thorough and exhaustive study of bacteriology itself in our own medical schools.

#### PROBATION OF THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

The Legislative Assembly met at half-past 11 o'clock on Saturday morning. The Speaker took the chair, but there being no business to be done, the House was immediately adjourned. Mr. Henry Parker was not in his place; neither were Ministers represented. As members were leaving the Chamber a Government Order was presented to the House, which contained a proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor proroguing Parliament until the 3rd February.

It has been decided by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council that the Minister for Justice, to mitigate the punishment inflicted upon Arthur R. S. Secretary of the Sherrin Union at Hay, last month, should be allowed to remain in the colony for a period of six months, and during that time we find by this statement, certified as it is by a firm of accountants in the city, that the total sum collected reached the sum of £27,372 10s 11d, of which £23 2s 1d has been disbursed by the committee. Both the receipts and the expenditure were large, and it is only fair to note that the administration of these funds and the carrying out of the strike was not equal to their own. For this enormous expenditure, it will be seen, the savings and funded resources of the trade societies for years past, just as it must be the case for the support of the strike. If the latter part of the strike is to go for anything, that is not an evil to be deplored in the interests of the men themselves; but the figures in this balance-sheet, if they have any meaning at all, show that the strike has been a failure. The struggle has been forced to rely mainly on their own funds. The appeals to the public only produced upwards of £4000, and the English contributions, doubtless forwarded under a strict sense of obligation for the assistance of Australia, during the last few days, amounted to about the same sum. The bulk of the money received and spent, upwards of £23,000, came from the societies themselves, and it is easy to understand that as the strike was not declared off, the committee must have been completely drained. This balance-sheet must also be taken to explode the theory of trade federation advanced by the strikers in the first instance, as the main body of the movement, the carrying out of the strike, was entirely self-helped, and on the contrary, was more likely to be frustrated. In other words, the strikers could not secure what they wished in point of money, and they were forced to maintain a strike which would be frustrated.

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#### CABLEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

##### ENGAGEMENT OF AMY SHERWIN.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Miss Amy Sherwin, the Australian soprano, has been engaged by the Carl Rosa Opera Company to appear on alternate nights in conjunction with Madame Marie Ross.

##### THE BEIRING SEA FISHERIES DISPUTE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

It is reported that President Harrison proposes to present a special message to Congress, rejecting the proposal for arbitration as a means of settling the Beiring Sea Fisheries Dispute between the United States and Canada.

##### WATERWORKS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Mr. Oswald Brown, C.E., will sail in the R.M.S. Acadia, for Adelaide, to report upon schemes for waterworks in South Australia.

##### NEW ORIENTAL BANK.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The New Oriental Bank has declared a dividend of 6 per cent.

##### THE SILVER COINAGE IN AMERICA.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Finance Committee of the United States Senate has reported favourably of the caucus upon the Silver Bill.

##### ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

##### REPORTED EVACUATION OF MANICA.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

A report is published that after the Marquis of Salisbury has ordered the Chartered Company of British South Africa to evacuate the disputed territory in the Manica country, South-east Africa, with reference to which the Portuguese authorities have resisted occupation by agents of the company.

The report, however, lacks confirmation.

##### THE CHARTERED COMPANY OF BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

The Chartered Company of British South Africa have denied the report that their agents have been ordered to withdraw from Manica.

##### THE MANICA COUNTRY.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

The Manica country, which was assigned to Portugal under the Anglo-Portuguese Convention, is a district lying on the borders of Mashonaland and the Portuguese territory in South-east Africa.

##### THE NORTH KILKENNY ELECTION.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

A house-to-house canvass is being made by the priests in Kilkenny against Mr. Parnell, who is actively continuing his agitation on behalf of Mr. Vincent Scully, his nominee for the North Kilkenny election.

##### COLLISIONS OCCUR DURING THE PARNELL AND THE ADHERENTS OF SIR JOHN P. HENNESSY.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

Collisions occur during the Parnell and the adherents of Sir John P. Hennessy, who is being supported by the Justice Ministry. The military are arriving in Kilkenny to prevent any outbreak of disorder.

##### PRESENTATION TO MR. PARNELL FROM KILKENNY LADIES.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

A number of Kilkenny ladies have personally presented Mr. Parnell with a bouquet of white lilies.

##### THE PARNELL DIVORCE SUIT.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

The Queen's Proctor is instituting inquiries in regard to the late divorce suit of O'Shea v. O'Shea and Parnell, in which a decree for the dissolution of marriage was granted, there being no appearance on the part of the respondent and the co-respondent.

(It was recently announced that the *Pall Mall Gazette* was taking steps to secure the interview of the Queen's Proctor in the divorce suit.)

##### A MEXICAN JACK THE RIPPER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

A Mexican has been convicted of a series of murders perpetrated upon women in the manner of the infamous Jack the Ripper. Eight of these outrages are laid to his charge. They were all committed in the city of Mexico.

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##### THE PROPOSED ENGLISH DEPUTATION TO THE CZAR.

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(BY TELEGRAPH.)

##### EXTRAORDINARY REVELATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

The trial of the Frenchman Michael Eyraud and the woman Gabrielle Bompard, for the murder of a process-server named Gouffé, in Paris, has been resumed. Disclosures were made in the course of the trial which have produced a great sensation throughout France.

Both the accused admit their guilt. Bompard pleaded in extenuation of her guilt that Eyraud had hypnotised her. Quarels have been of constant occurrence in Court between Eyraud and Bompard.

The accused woman Bompard made a request that she should be allowed to be publicly hypnotised, in support of her plea that she is susceptible to Eyraud's influence. The presiding Judge refused her request. The Nancy School of Medicine, which has given much attention to the theory of hypnotism, supports Bompard's plea, while the faculty of Paris opposes it.

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